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CURRENT AFFAIRS
Ram Nath Kovind

- 14th president of India.
- He is from Uttar Pradesh and former Bihar governor.
- 2nd Dalit president of India after “K R Narayanan”.

**State of BRICS nations**

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**BRICS – 2017 (September)**

- 9th Summit is Going to held in “Beijing” (China).
- BRICS is a association of five major emerging national economies.
- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Changes to BRICS from BRIC by adding South Africa in 2010.
- It is an independent international organisation encouraging commercial, political and cultural cooperation between the BRICS nations.
- BRICS nations contains about 40% of the world population.
- It having a capability of 22% of the gross world product.

“**New Development Bank (NDB)**”.

- formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank is a multilateral development bank operated by the BRICS states. The bank’s primary focus of lending will be infrastructure projects.
- NDB’s Headquarters @ “Shanghai”, China.

**Japan + India**

- Civil nuclear deal comes into force.
- For peaceful usage of Nuclear energy.
- Enhanced cooperation in energy security and clean energy.
India was the first country having such deal with Japan.

**Earthquakes**
- To unzip the logics and science behind the phenomena of earthquakes. Scientists started research in “Koyna-Warna region” (Maharashtra) in the Western Ghats.
- Specially chosen place because of frequent earthquakes, after construction of “Shivsagar Lake reservoir”, Satara, Maharashtra.
- Headed by “Dr Sukanta Roy”.

**UN-AIDS report**
- UNAIDS’s director – “Michel sidibe”
- Most of the people living with HIV, now access treatment.
- AIDS dropping significantly, from the past few years.
- More than 90% are treating with proper treatment.
- Head Quarters @ “Geneva”, Switzerland.
- Director – “Michel Sidibé”.

**UNAIDS has five goals:**
- Leadership and advocacy for effective action on the pandemic.
- Strategic information and technical support to guide efforts against AIDS worldwide.
- Tracking, monitoring and evaluation of the pandemic and of responses to it.
- Civil society engagement and the development of strategic partnerships.
- Mobilization of resources to support an effective response.

**UNESCO**
- Its declared purpose is to contribute to peace and security by promoting international collaboration through
  1. Educational
  2. Scientific
  3. Cultural reforms.
- In order to increase universal respect for justice, the rule of law, and human rights along with fundamental freedom proclaimed in the United Nations Charter.
- UNESCO has
  - 195-member states
  - 10 associate members (195+10).
- UNESCO pursues its objectives through five major programs
  1. Education
  2. natural sciences
  3. Social/human sciences
  4. Culture
  5. Communication/information.
• UNESCO’s aim is "to contribute to the
  o building of peace,
  o Eradication of poverty
  o Sustainable development
  o Intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information".
• Recently, it is promoting idea of language as an inalienable cultural right.
• UNESCO has its headquarters @ “Paris”, France.
• “Irina Bokova” was the current director general of UNESCO.